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Thanks

.. To those parents who supported this week's camp. A truly amazing bunch of parent helpers. (except for Mr Kessell who conspired to get Mr Trehwella to go on the flying fox in front of everyone .. including paparazzi).

.. Those who supported our athletics team this week.

People of the week

.. Definitely our campers for great camp spirit and sheer determination to attain your goals and push out your boundaries.

.. Caleb Vallance for outstanding sportsmanship at this week's athletics event ... noticed by others Caleb. Well done!

.. Dylan Kelly-Dreadon who, on hearing that someone had forgotten to bring spending money, quietly slipped some coinage into their hand. Really thoughtful Dylan .. well done!

.. Mrs Cates and Miss Bevin who have worked so hard over recent weeks on our library systems upgrade and stocktake. Thank you for your efforts.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

12 November	Year 7 and 8 EOTC day ... more to follow
25 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics
26 November	Yea 7 and 8 EOTC Day at Whangarei Falls
27 November	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	Year 8 girls HPV 3 vaccination
2 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
3 December	School Athletics
10 December	Prize Giving (pp 15.12)
11 December	Reports issued
16 December	Final school day for 2014
2 February	First day of the 2015 school year

Term 4 virtue

Don't be shy to advise us of any shining examples of perseverance. We celebrate other things ... character is no less (and maybe even more) worthy of acknowledgement and celebration.

Recipients of last term's ENTHUSIASM virtue ... coming VERY soon!

Looking to 2015

In order for us to plan for 2015 it is important for us to know which children will or will **not** be at Matarau School next year. So .. if you know that your child will not be at Matarau School in 2015 (and you have not already done so) can you please advise Helen next week. This will assist us greatly in our planning. Thank you! **LAST CALL!**

Year 7 and 8 EOTC Trip to Waipu Caves .. 12 Nov

To cover expenses we need payment prior to this event please. A number of parents indicated their preference to pay over the internet but have not yet done so. Please arrange payments as soon as possible, or contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. General questions on this event to Mr D or Mrs Donaldson please.

International Schools Competitions

If you did not receive your child's result sheet you should receive this very soon. Participation certificates will be given out at a forthcoming assembly (likely 2:30, 17.11) , placement certificates (and cups) will be awarded at prize giving.

School Spelling Bee - Year 4 and up

.. gets underway in classes next week and in the wider school the week after. If your child is chosen to represent their class well done, please encourage them as we near the finals.

Art Scholarship

This week children who expressed interest received a letter outlining the Art Scholarship process. Basically children put together a portfolio of artwork from (mainly) this year but also previous years. Any media accepted. **If your child did not receive this information, and you would like them to enter for an art scholarship (around \$100 to \$150), please give Kevin a call on Monday.** Teachers are more than willing to provide encouragement and advice to children on request. **Art portfolios are due to the school office by 3:30 PM Monday 24 November.**

Home Gardens

Please ensure children periodically update their garden diaries. Diaries are due to the school office Monday 24 November. Gardens will be visited by judges 29 November.

This year we are inviting interested children to visit other children's gardens on the judging day **with the consent of the parents of the host garden.** You should feel under no pressure to give this consent, but this is a great way for children to grow a sense of community, share their gardens and gather garden ideas. Any questions to Mrs Abbott please.

School Cups

2014 prize giving is coming fast. If you have cups at home please get these back to school asap. Thanks

Sunhats

Almost all children have their regulation sunhats. A reminder that these are compulsory in term 4. Hats are available from the office at a cost of \$9.

Calendars

All orders were due in today. If you have not placed your order yet, please send order and payment to the office first thing Monday morning.

Term Headlice Inspection

This week's inspection indicated low levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, please ensure your child is treated before school on Monday. Infestation levels are currently as low as we are likely to get them. Concerted action by all parents will help us to keep it that way. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please.

Wizard of Middle Earth Production DVD

Order forms will be sent home next week. Cost will be \$6 per DVD. Any queries to Mr Schuster in Room 9 or by email on sschuster@matarau.school.nz

Finally

Over the course of 2014, staff have been involved in professional development around meaningful integration of digital technologies. One thing is clear, and that is that digital technology is impacting profoundly on learning (globally) and this is unlikely to change. As a school we have decided to move slowly. Moving slowly enables us to learn from others, see what works and doesn't, identify the things that impact achievement and learning, lessen any potential down sides, and not "throw the baby out with the bathwater". This week (or next) you will receive a survey form which will give us an indication of how you view and use digital technologies yourself. Unavoidably, digital technology is becoming a bigger and bigger part of our budget, this is unlikely to change. We want to spend wisely and not expect parents to dig too deeply into their pockets. Your contributions via a survey will help to guide us as we plan our next steps. If you did not get a copy of our survey, please contact our school office. **Please note that survey forms are due back by Friday 21 November.** We are happy to answer any questions in the meantime.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

To Rent -2 bedroom cottage in Ruatangata, with or without sleepout. Rent includes power and lawns.
Ph Jenny 0273258617

For Sale – Eggs, \$5.00 per dozen or \$3 per ½ dozen. Ph Helen 02102328094

Whangarei Choral Society – presents Simply Sacred, St John's Church, Kamo Rd, Kensington,
Saturday Nov 22nd @ 2pm, Entry by programme Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children \$5.

Women's Wellness Free Health Evening – Guest Speaker: Sam Warriner; Health Speakers: Donna Hardie and Moira Chamberlain. Fri 14 Nov – Doors open at 7pm, Northland Hockey Stadium, Park Ave, Kensington

Flight Centre Foundation Halberg Surf Day – for physically disabled New Zealanders, Saturday 29th Nov 10.00am-2.00pm Sandy Bay, Tutukaka Coast, Whangarei. To register contact Mala Lewis on 021 995951 or mala@halberg.co.nz by Fri 14th Nov.

Cans Film Festival - Support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Donate a can of food for a ticket at any participating cinema from 5 Nov for a great night out. A full list of cinemas can be found on watties.co.nz or follow us on facebook.com/WattiesNZ

Kamo Swimming Club – 2014/15 Season of Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo, from Monday 3rd November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly.



REGISTRATION DAY TODAY 31 October at 4.30pm KHS Pool. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nesbit – 027 470 7955.

Athletics Club Kensington Athletic track 5.30pm – 6.30pm Friday nights Registration night was Friday 10th October but still keen to hear from other interested parents. 5-6 yr olds \$25; 7-13yr olds \$60; 14yr olds plus \$75 More info contact fitsue.71@gmail.com

Pre-Schoolers - Playgroup – every Tuesday 9.30-11.30, *Mainly Music* - every Thursday 10am-11am at Kaurihohore Church, Apotu Rd, Kauri (next to Kauri School).

School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Mince & Cheese Pie, Butter Chicken or Mince & Cheese Wraps, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Mugeli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for extra \$1. Order by Wednesday at the office to receive Friday.



Mr T - having a go on the Flying Fox when he went to visit our Year 3&4's at Camp this week

Lost – A Chihuahua named Mario. Disappeared Guy Fawkes night. Could be anywhere between Ngaratunua or Ruatangata. If you have seen him please contact Hana on 0274352786 or Richard 0274435060 or 09-4350230



Susie Finlayson, Rylee Dodds and Brendan Pol (Amia Ringrose absent) receiving their Golden Librarian Award from the Mayor Sheryl Mai at the Whangarei Library this week.